

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

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Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Sam Tahmassebi on 25 April 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 4, "side hole," was changed to --side hole, wherein the at least one side hole comprises a slotted opening having retention flaps,--

Claim 1, line 7, "the diameter" was changed to --a diameter--

Claim 1, line 8, "the diameter" was changed to --a diameter--

Claim 1, line 9, "point; and" was changed to --point, wherein the diameter of the at least one side hole is smaller than the diameter of the flared rim at the first point; and--

Claim 42 was cancelled

Claim 43 was cancelled

Claim 44, line 1, "system of claim 43" was changed to --system of claim 1--

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANDREA M. VALENTI whose telephone number is (571)272-6895. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:00am-4:30pm M-Th.

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